

REMARKS

Claims 4-16 are of record in the application.

Claim 11 is proposed to be amended and claims 12 and 13 proposed to be canceled.

In the invention of the application (see page 4, line 18+), there is (see Fig. 8) a panel 18. Each panel has an inner skin 26 and a parallel outer skin 28, with a space between the skins.

Referring to Figs. 1 and 6, a panel 18 has a ventilation opening formed by a perforated ventilation section 40 in each of the inner 26 and outer 28 skins. The ventilation sections in the parallel skins are in-line and opposing. Each ventilation section 40 of each skin has a plurality of openings 42 in rows and columns. Basically, the openings form a grille.

Referring to page 4, line 27, the openings 42 of each of the opposing ventilation sections 40 are in-line. This permits direct view into the enclosure, head on, but blocks view when the viewer moves to the side.

Applicant's attorney, Gordon D. Coplein refers to the telephone interview with the Examiner on September 12, 2003. A proposed amended main claim 11 was discussed, which combined the subject matter of claims 12 and 13 with main claim 11. The Examiner stated that he would maintain the rejection on the subject matter directed to the embodiment of claim 12, wherein the openings 42 in the opposing ventilation sections (grille) 40 were offset. No definitive conclusion was reached with respect to the other embodiment of claim 13, wherein the openings 42 are in-line. The Examiner also suggested that the language of the main claim be amended to provide a better frame of reference for the openings 42. The proposed amendment to claim 11 now recites that the openings 42 are in the parallel skin of the opposing, in-line ventilation sections of the panel.

The claims of the application stand rejected over Gavin, et al., U.S. 4,843,788 in view of Schulz, U.S. 4,550,545. Gavin is directed to the basic structure of the enclosure. Schulz (Fig. 5) is relied on to show a ventilation opening in opposing panels formed to ventilation sections considered to be the spaced openings 12 and 15.

Prompt and favorable action is requested.

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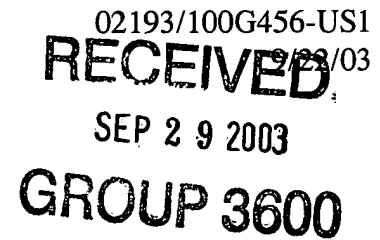
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16. (Previously presented) A security locker as in claim 11 wherein there are ventilation openings in the opposing side and end walls at substantially the same height.